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SUBJ: REPORT OF CHOLERA

DEPT FOR DG/MED; DELHI FOR DR. ETZEL; PUBLIC HEALTH SVC
FOR PHS/FQ

1. PRESS HAS REPORTED DISCOVERY OF THREE CASES OF CHOLERA IN KAYTS, SMALL CITY IN NORTHERN MOST DISTRICT OF CEYLON(NEAR JAFFNA.) HEALTH MINISTRY HAS CONFIRMED CASES ARE GENUINE. VERBAL REPORT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS INDICATES ROAD-BLOCKS HAVE BEEN SET UP AND TEAM OF SPECIALISTS SENT TO AREA. AUTHORITIES HAVE 20,000 DOSES VACCINE ON HAND AND HAVE ORDERED ADDITIONAL 50,000

2. OFFICIALS BELIEVE THEY CAN CONTAIN SPREAD OF DISEASE TO JAFFNA PENINSULA. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO NOTE, HOWEVER, COLOMBO IS PRESENTLY SUFFERING SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE. WATER SUPPLY IS CUT OFF AT LEAST TEN HOURS PER DAY. LACK OF PRESSURE IN SYSTEM MEANS SEVERE BACK-SEEPAGE PROBLEM WITH CONCMITANT EASE IN SPREADING OF DISEASE.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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